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REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the notification in the Office Action of allowable subject matter, i.e. that claims 1-20 and 22 are allowed.

Claims 1-20 and 22-24 are pending. Claims 23 and 24 are canceled. No new matter has been added by virtue of the amendments, support therefore appearing in the original claims and specification.

Claims 23 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 23 and 24 are further rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Yamada et al, Sahatjian, and Krasner.

Claims 23 and 24 are canceled herein and, thus, rejection of these claims is moot.

Applicant makes these claim cancellations without prejudice. Also, applicant disagrees with all rejections and makes these claim changes only to expedite prosecution and move to allowance as soon as possible.

It is believed the application is in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited. If for any reason a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge or credit Deposit Account No. 04-1105 under Order No. 56247 (71699).

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